

Meeting Date: March 7-9, 2007

Agenda Item No. 6c

Agenda Item: Budget Enhancement

Approved by: TTT

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Background: The \$128,880 budget enhancement is a cooperative project between the Idaho Department of Transportation, Department of Fish and Game, and Federal Highways Admin. The project will use ITD funds to develop a statewide wildlife linkage map and implementation of a wildlife mortality data collection system on Idaho highways and roads. The map will help define wildlife crossing and migration areas in relation to roads using data and expert opinion of IDFG, ITD and other field staff. In addition, the project will develop a data input system to allow field staff to record wildlife mortality data on highways and roads and provide this information to highway and IDFG staff. Both these products will help increase public safety on Idaho's highways and roads as well as increase the potential to conserve wildlife in relation to highways and roads.

Policy issues: Interagency cooperation, public safety

Public Involvement Process: none

Justification: Past efforts have mapped linkage areas in some of the state. This effort will complete a statewide coverage useful to road and highway planners and provide a consistent data source for project planning, monitoring, and mitigation.

Action Requested:

Commission approval for the 128,880 budget modification.

Staff Recommendations:

Staff recommends approval of the budget modification.